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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: COMPUTER APPLICATIONS:
(01.01)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET WORKING GROUP LEADER RAMEYEV FOR HIS US COUNTERPART AUFENKAMP, WHICH COVERS SOVIET DRAFT REPORT ON COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR SIXTH JCM. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL LETTER AND TEXT OF REPORT POUCHED TO OES FOR SHELDON, REGISTRY NO. 1911826. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE TO HAVE COPY OF REPORT HAND CARRIED BACK TO WASHINGTON BY MEMBERS OF SCIENCE POLICY - MANPOWER DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW.

2. DEAR DR. AUFENKAMP:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR AGREEMENT, I AM FORWARDING TO YOU THE DRAFT JOINT REPORT FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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I SHOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO POINT 4 OF THE PROPOSALS ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION. DURING MY VISIT TO IIASA (VIENNA) I TOOK NOTICE THAT THEMES BEING DEVELOPED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR WORKING GROUP AND THOSE DEVELOPED BY IIASA HAVE MUCH IN COMMON AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL

IF SOME OF THE ARRANGEMENTS (SEMINARS, CONFERENCES) COULD BE CONDUCTED JOINTLY. DURING MY TALKS WITH DR. R. LIVEN, DIRECTOR OF IIASA, I ASKED HIM TO EXPRESS HIS OPINION ON THIS MATTER. HAVING WARNED HIM THAT PROPOSAL WAS JUST MY PERSONAL OPINION AND HAD NOT BEEN AGREED WITH DR. AUFENKAMP.

DR. LIVEN SAID THAT HOLDING JOINT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES WITH REPORTS OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ETC. WITH IIASA WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. THOUGH IIASA CANNOT BEAR EXPENSES OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AS A WHOLE, THE INSTITUTE IS READY TO ORGANIZE SUCH MEETINGS.

WE HAVE AGREED WITH DR. LIVEN THAT I SHALL COORDINATE THIS PROPOSAL WITH YOU AND WHEN WE COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WE SHALL SEND A JOINT LETTER WITH OUR PROPOSALS TO HIM.

IN THIS CONNECTION I INCLUDED A PROPOSAL ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS WITH IIASA IN OUR DRAFT REPORT.

IF THE REPORT WITH THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, YOU COULD SIGN A LETTER TO DR. R. LIVEN DURING YOUR STAY IN MOSCOW.

IF YOU HAVE NO MAJOR OBSERVATIONS ON THE TEXT OF THE REPORT, PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS BY TELEX.
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SINCERELY, B. RAMEYEV.

3. COMMENT: TO EXTENT THAT ACTIVITIES OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS WORKING GROUP DUPLICATES WORK DONE WITH IIASA, COORDINATION PROPOSAL BY SOVIETS MIGHT PROVIDE SOME SAVINGS IN TERMS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS' TIME AND IN TRAVEL EXPENSES. HOWEVER, TO EXTENT THAT US DELEGATIONS UNDER COMPUTER APPLICATIONS GROUP VISITED IIASA IN VIENNA RATHER THAN USSR IT WOULD NATURALLY RESULT IN A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO ACTUAL SOVIET INSTITUTIONS AND WOULD LESSEN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF THE EXTENSIVE US-SOVIET COOPERATION UNDER THE COMPUTER APPLICATIONS WORKING GROUP. EXCHANGE MEETINGS IN THE IIASA MIGHT BECOME MORE FORMAL, SET-PIECE AFFAIRS, WITH A CONSEQUENT REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF REAL INFORMATION EXCHANGED. TOON

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